

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:108
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2001
LIVESTOCK HEALTH SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cross breeding and scientific development have led the livestock more susceptible to various diseases including infectious and non-infectious disease;
- (b) if so, whether non-implementation of livestock health scheme by the Government has led to morbidity and high rate of mortality;
- (c) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard;
- (d) whether funds allocated for this purpose are not being utilized fully; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to make full utilization of the allocated funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 108 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.11.2001

(a) Yes, Sir. The cross-breds and exotic breeds of livestock are generally more susceptible to various infectious and non-infectious diseases than indigenous animals..

(b) and (c) It is not true that morbidity and mortality amongst livestock due to various diseases have increased over the years. As per the epidemiological data available with the Department, the incidence of major diseases have substantially reduced. This is due to the fact that the efforts of the State Governments in controlling the diseases are supplemented by way of extending financial assistance under Centrally Sponsored Schemes which are being implemented in all the States and Union Territories.

(d) and (e) Funds allocated for the schemes on livestock health are being provided to the State Governments on the basis of their demand in accordance to the approved pattern and guidelines of the scheme. Non-availability of State matching share is the major reason for under utilization of allocated funds. For the effective implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, the State Governments have been requested repeatedly to make available adequate budgetary provision and matching share.